

## DAIRY INSTRUCTION COURSE FOR UNION

**Exhibition Will Be Under Auspices of the Union County Dairy Association—Car in Charge Prof. R. H. Mason.**

Clemson College will give a one-day course in dairying in Union Friday, March 27th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

The car will be in charge of Prof. R. H. Mason, and the exhibit will be under the auspices of the Union County Dairy Association. The following letter, addressed to Dr. S. S. Linder, president of the dairy association, explains itself:

"Greenville, S. C., 3-15-14.  
"Dr. S. S. Linder,  
Pres. Union Co. Dairy Asso.,  
Union, S. C.

"Dear Sir:  
"We are making preparations for a one-day Dairy Instruction Course to be held at Union Friday, March 27, 1914, and would be glad to hold this under the auspices of your association.

"It is our intention to give a butter-making demonstration, cattle-judging demonstration, talks on record work with dairy cattle, care of the herd and handling dairy products.

"Don't you think that this should prove interesting?"

"I am arranging for Prof. J. M. Burgess to assist me in this work. We have held several such courses in different counties and found that a great deal of interest has been manifested."

"How about a butter contest in connection with this? All samples of butter 1-2 or 1 pound, prints will be judged carefully and personal letters written to each exhibitor regarding their sample of butter and suggestions made as to how quality of their individual sample of butter may be improved.

"Now if the above meets with your approval, which I have no reason to doubt, I would like for you to see that it is thoroughly advertised."

"I am also writing a letter regarding this course to Mr. F. W. Carnell, Farm Demonstration Agent.

"I feel that you can get up a rousing good interested crowd for this meeting. It is a good idea to have as many ladies (farmer's wives) attend butter-making demonstration as possible.

"Meeting called for 11:00 a. m. with butter-making demonstration given before noon.

"Very respectfully,  
"R. H. Mason,  
"Dairyman."

Beautiful Reception.

Misses Beatrice and Aurelie Wilburn entertained Friday evening at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilburn, near Union in compliment to their house guests, Misses Mae Arnold and Willie Gentry, of Greenville, and the "Philatheas" of the First Baptist church.

The home was filled with lovely spring flowers and made bright by the light from many candles. Fruit punch was served by Miss Alsie Smith and Mr. Guy Wilburn and a delicious salad course followed by ices was served.

In a word contest, Miss Ida Palmer and Dr. V. R. Hawkins were the winners.

Jonesville Men Purchase Fine Stock.

Mr. J. H. Alman has purchased some registered O. I. C. hogs for breeding purposes. Mr. E. F. McWhirter of that progressive town has just gotten in some fine registered Red Pole cattle, there being in the lot one bull and four heifers. Mr. McWhirter has also gotten in a Duroc-Jersey sow and pigs for his farm. This move on the part of these gentlemen will help bring about one of the greatest needs of our county—better live stock.

Begins Serving Sentence.

Marvin Charles was on Saturday carried to Atlanta, where he will begin the one-year term in the Federal prison, his appeal to the Federal court at Richmond having failed to interfere with the decision of the lower courts.

Body Cut to Pieces.

The body of Charlie Gilliam, a colored man about 30 years of age, was found cut to pieces on the S. A. L. Railway near Ada Monday morning. Coroner Godshall and Sheriff Fant both went to the scene Monday. It was thought that there might have been foul play, but nothing developed to further that suspicion.

Board of Managers Meet.

The board of managers of the Union Hospital Association held their semi-annual meeting in Dr. Berry's office Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. D. H. Montgomery was elected president; Dr. S. G. Sarra, secretary and Messrs. Emslie Nicholson, L. J. Hames and R. P. Morgan were elected trustees for the ensuing year.

Plans were outlined that promise great things for this enterprise, it is believed.

## COUNTY TEACHERS MET ON SATURDAY

The Teachers' Association of Union County held its regular meeting in the auditorium of the High School Saturday, March 14, 1914.

While the attendance of the teachers was fairly good, we regret to note the absence of so many trustees. At our next meeting, April 17, 1914, we hope to see present every teacher and trustee in Union county. The life of the association depends upon the enthusiasm and wide-awakeness of its members, therefore, lend us encouragement and inspiration by your presence.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Geo. P. White, pastor of the First Baptist church, Union, S. C., after which he made a short talk on "Temperance." Dr. White's remarks showed that the work of the eradication of the habit of strong drink lay in the hands of the public school teachers.

Mr. A. C. Flora, principal of Union High School, in an instructive address, presented himself as the exponent of "Organized Athletics." "A sound mind in a sound body" is his short but true definition of a happy life. "Teachers above all others," said he, should exemplify perfect health. He believes "Organized Athletics" to be the salvation of the growing boy—the only means by which the excess of energy of the growing boy may be directed into proper channels; that it is the solution of the cigarette and drink habits; that it develops individuality, team unity, class unity, school unity, and, lastly, county unity.

As a result of the exodus from the county, the conservation of the health of the child is a necessity if we are to have a future race able to cope with the problems of the day and of civilization.

Prof. Gilstrap, principal of the West Springs school, discussed "How to Secure Libraries—Their Use and Benefit."

It was the consensus of opinion of the association that the schools of the county observe Field Day on Friday, April 17, 1914. Every school in the county is expected to participate in the events of the day, and to send at least one contestant for the prizes offered.

We take this opportunity to urge the teachers throughout the county to be present on this occasion and to encourage their pupils to take part in the various contests.

The morning hours, April 17, 1914, will be spent in the work of the association, the afternoon in athletic contests.

March 18, 1914.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE TO HOLD CONVENTION IN UNION

(Spartanburg Journal.)

The Epworth League of the Spartanburg District conference comprising the counties of Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union will hold its annual convention in Union on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 17, 18, 19.

There are about twenty leagues in the Methodist churches of this district and it is expected that there will be from seventy-five to one hundred delegates present.

Quite an interesting program is being arranged and it is hoped to have a number of distinguished speakers present, among them Dr. Culbreath, of Nashville, Tennessee, who is secretary of the Epworth League work for the Southern Methodist church. Prof. A. G. Rembert, of Wofford College at Spartanburg and others.

The secretary for this union is T. J. Carter, who is associated with Rev. D. E. Camak in the work of the Industrial and Textile work of Spartanburg, and who is a former resident of this city.

The officers of the Epworth league in Grace Methodist church are: President, Miss Pearl Harris; vice presidents, Rev. J. L. Daniel and Mrs. Ida W. Baker; secretary and treasurer, Miss Carrie Young; superintendent of young peoples' work, Miss Ruth Gault.

Rev. J. L. Daniel, pastor of Grace church, in speaking of the approaching convention says that he hopes that there will be a large attendance of young people of all religious societies in the different churches in this city and county, as the organizations are in many respects similar and he believes and hopes that the addresses and other features will be of mutual helpfulness.

Death of Mrs. Lillie Fincher.

Mrs. Lillie Fincher, wife of Mr. Jno. W. Fincher, died at her home at Woodruff, S. C., last Tuesday and was buried the following day at Woodruff. Mrs. Fincher was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Gregory, this county, and is survived by her father and mother, her husband and seven children.

Mrs. Fincher was a noble Christian woman, and her death is exceedingly sad. Many hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

## PEN PICTURE OF THE PEA RIDGE VOLUNTEERS

**Major James B. Steedman's Graphic Account of the Stirring Days of '61-'65, Never Before Published. Sketch of the Life of the Writer.**

Major James Blake Steedman was born in Charleston, S. C., in May, 1834 and received his early education in that city, later on entering the South Carolina College in Columbia. He studied law under Mr. Tobin of Barnwell, was admitted to the bar in 1856 and soon after came to Union to enter upon the practice of his profession. He brought with him letters of introduction to prominent citizens of the town, a notable one from his cousin, the well known Col. Richard Yeaton, of Charleston which was addressed to Wallace Thomson, the father of our Dr. Wallace Thomson.

In 1858 he was married to Miss Carrie Logan, daughter of the old Dr. Logan, whose name was a household word in Union county 50 years ago. He was one of the 99 Union county men who, by voluntary enlistment on Jan. 5, 1861—16 days after the secession of South Carolina—formed the "Pea Ridge Volunteers" 5th Reg. S. C. Volunteers, whose company's flag is the most treasured ornament in the relic room of the Union Carnegie Library.

That he came of military stock is proven not only by the career of his distinguished uncle, Admiral Chas. Steedman, of the U. S. Navy, but by his own personal record, for going into active service April 12, 1861 as orderly sergeant, in the Pea Ridge Volunteers, he rose steadily until on Aug. 29 and 30, 1862 with the ranks of Maj. he commanded his regiment in the bloody struggle of 2nd Manassas, where he fell desperately wounded and would have died upon the battlefield but for the wonderful care of a noble Virginia family.

The story of his sufferings is told by the last member of that family, a gentlewoman now 70 years of age. Miss M. S. Delaplane, of Delaplane, Fauquier County, Va., who writes: "I have rheumatism in my hands and find it difficult to handle the pen, but I will do the best I can. Maj. Steedman was wounded as you know, at the second battle of Manassas, taken off the field and laid upon some wet straw in his tent as it was raining hard. He was told by Dr. Thomson, of Union, S. C., that he was mortally wounded and could not last long.

Maj. Steedman had a servant who went with him when he first went into the army whose name was Bunyan. His mother, I think was a family servant and Bunyan was about 18 years of age, and as faithful as he could be to his master. Maj. told him to go out and try to get him some milk and Bunyan had to come as far as my home (which was eight miles away) before he could get any at all. The people had given all they had to the soldiers. We gave him

brought here. He said that message made him decide to come and aroused all the bull dog there was in him.

So he told Bunyan to get him an ambulance to drive in. Dr. Thomson told him he would not live to get here, but he said "I'm going to try anyway." So Dr. Thomson, Maj. Steedman's brother-in-law, Col. Logan, and Bunyan put him in the ambulance and brought him here. He was brought in and laid upon a nice bed in a comfortable room and we, myself, four sisters and our mother stood around him. As he looked at us with tears streaming down his face he said, "Ladies, your message came to me as one from Heaven," as he compared the wet straw and tent with his surroundings then. We sent for our family doctor, whose name was Leach, and when he came he had him put in a bath and put a clean night gown on him—his clothes were very bloody. Then Dr. Leach made an examination and said his collar bone was broken, that the ball had passed through the left lung and lodged in his spine, paralyzing his legs so that he had no use of them whatever.

Dr. Leach set his collar bone and my oldest sister, Mary, got upon the bed behind him and sewed the bandage. To make her feel more at ease Major said "When I was at home we used to have private theatricals and I always took the part of the lady," I reckon I will do so now. Then he looked at my mother and said, "I would like to call you mother—my mother is in Heaven." After that he always called her mother and the rest of us sisters. From that time we nursed him taking it time about, two of us each night with Bunyan nearby. After many weeks, perhaps months, the ball moved into his bowels, and he suffered greatly, the bowels were swollen and he could not bear the weight even of the sheet, only the thin cambric gown. Then after weeks and weeks the ball moved in to his left side where it remained until his death in 1865.

After the ball left the spine he had some feeling in his legs but very little use of them. We fed him all the time as if he were a baby and through it all he was the most patient sufferer I ever knew—never a murmur or complaint and one of the dearest men I have ever known. We all loved him like a brother. He continued to improve and in January, I think it was, his wife came on, and she, Col. Logan and Bunyan took him home. (The 2nd battle of Manassas was fought on Aug. 29, 30, 1862.

We heard from him often and after two or three years he came to see us, bringing his wife and her sister, Mrs.



Major James Blake Steedman—1834-1885.

the milk and, as he was leaving, my sister, said to him "Bring your master here." Bunyan went back and told the Major this, and told him of the place—a large white house on a high hill with a broad river winding around the hill and the wide mill dam in front of the house. And then he told him there were five sisters and a mother, and described the place as a beautiful country home made more attractive by the ladies. These were Maj. Steedman's own words when he was telling us of it after he was

Humphries, with him. He was then using two canes—when he left us he used crutches. Afterwards he came to see us every summer, bringing his daughter, Addie, with him.

Despite his lameness and this Minnie ball embedded in his body, Maj. Steedman led an active life and was one of Union's most zealous and helpful citizens, serving as "Intendant" of the town and always taking a deep interest in whatever tended to the betterment of its conditions.

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## AN EXPLANATION OF OUR POVERTY

### STATEMENT UNION COUNTY FAIR ASSN.

Plans are on foot to put the Union County Fair association on a sound financial footing. Mr. A. G. Kennedy, secretary of the Union chamber of commerce is taking up this matter with enthusiasm, and has great hopes of carrying it to a successful issue. Many of those interested in the institution will be pleased to see the financial statement given below. The institution has never had sufficient money to get fully into good shape. With the amount of cash paid in, it is a marvel that such good results have been achieved. Mr. Kennedy cannot do a better work for Union and Union county than that which he has undertaken in the interest of the county fair. The financial statement is as follows:

Union County Fair Association Financial Statement.	
Year ending April 20, 1912.	
Capital stock	\$4,149.00
Notes outstanding	1,705.50
Operating profit	266.85
	\$6,121.35
Cost of plant	\$6,102.99
Cash on hand	18.36
	\$6,121.35
Year ending June 11, 1913.	
Capital stock	\$4,363.00
Notes outstanding	3,401.77
	\$7,764.77
Cost of plant	\$6,102.99
Additions to plant	1,031.96
Cash on hand	78.21
1913 deficit	551.61
	\$7,764.77
Year ending March 14, 1914.	
Capital stock	\$4,363.00
Notes outstanding	4,355.54
	\$8,718.54
Cost of plant	\$7,134.95
Additions to plant	818.09
Cash on hand	2.98
Int. ins. and main.	277.51
deficit for 1913	551.61
	\$8,785.14

signed,  
S. R. Aycock, Pres.  
W. K. Sumner, Treas.

### TROUBLE WITH S. C. IS BLEASE, SAYS J. A. PARK

Atlanta, March 17.—North Carolina, as a state, has the highest regard for South Carolina, as another state, the idea being (says John A. Park, publisher of The Raleigh Times) that the only thing seriously the matter with South Carolina is Cole Blease.

Mr. Park is in Atlanta, attending the Hotel Ansley sessions of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association, which began Monday morning and will continue through Tuesday. Mr. Park desires it known that he, personally, had no quarrel with Governor Blease. But he did not mind being quoted as to his opinion, and he even fancied that North Carolina papers might entertain more disinterested and unbiased opinions than those of their neighbor on the south.

"Two Ways to View Him."  
"I should say there are two ways of looking at the eccentricities of Mr. Blease," said Mr. Park, judiciously. "One is to regard him as sane and unscrupulous; the other, as sincere and nutty. I haven't fully made up my mind which he is but it seems to me he must be either the one or the other."

"Our own former Governor Kitchens started a bit of scatter-brain parading a while ago, and we referred to him editorially as a 'North Carolina Blease.' The shaft seemed to carry a sting, and I mention it merely to show that Blease is rapidly achieving the dubious distinction of being an epithet and a term of opprobrium."

"Another mystery to me is the following South Carolina's governor commands. His henchmen would start building another Tower of Babel if he should ask them for the moon. His domination over his supporters is almost uncanny—it suggests mesmerism. There must be a vast deal of personal magnetism in the man, and it makes him all the more dangerous."

Sister State Feels Sorry.  
"As to his sweeping largesse of pardons, there are two explanations of that policy, too. His friends say practically nothing—they stand by him without argument. His enemies are divided between two opinions—that he is gaining something by the policy or that it is the result of imbecility."

Take it all around, Mr. Park says, North Carolina feels quite sorry for her sister on the south, with the general impression existing that South Carolina is an afflicted member of the family—suffering from Blease as it were.

Misses Belle and Nannie McDow spent Wednesday afternoon in Spartanburg.

### Two Suggestive Ideas By Two Leading Citizens of Jonesville—Let Our People Ponder These Things.

Mr. T. M. Littlejohn, president of the Everybody's Bank, Jonesville, and one of the largest planters, as well, is giving out some sage advice to those who are open to reason.

Mr. Littlejohn is preparing a talk to be delivered to the members of the farmers' club of Jonesville. He says he has found the reason for the poverty that prevails in our country. He maintains that it is not that we are lacking in industry; nor that our people do not produce wealth, no yet again that we lack opportunity. He says our wealth goes elsewhere. He has given a striking statement of how we go to distant points for well-nigh every thing we use. He jotted down on a piece of paper the following items and the point that we go to get them:

Shoes, Mass.; hats, Phila.; coats and pants, New York; suspenders, Cleveland, O.; soap, Cincinnati; cabbage, Charleston; Irish potatoes, Me.; beef, Texas; ham, Kansas; oats, Indiana; corn, Tenn.; coal, W. Va.; onions, Texas and New Mexico; peaches, California; apples, New York; molasses, New Orleans; sugar, California and Louisiana; tobacco, N. C. and Va.; binders, Va.; pop corn, Maryland; mules and horses, Tenn. and Ky.; buggies, wagons, harness, Michigan; whiskey, Ohio and Kentucky; pistols, guns, Mass.; tableware, Ohio and Penn.; watches and clocks, Conn.; sewing machines, New Jersey; kerosene gasoline, Penn.; brooms, Ohio; dippers, New York; watches, Penn.; stoves, St. Louis; patent medicine, New York; books, New York; lumber, Canada; furniture, N. C. and Va.; mattresses, Mass.; blankets, bedsteads, Mass.; salt, Louisiana; coffee and tea, Asia; lard, Illinois; eggs and chickens, Oklahoma; ladies' hats, gowns, etc., Baltimore and New York; autos, Detroit.

We feel sure this showing will open the eyes of all thoughtful people.

Not a half hour after talking with Mr. Littlejohn, the Times man called to see another leading citizen of Jonesville, Dr. W. O. Southard. Dr. Southard has for many years been a citizen of Jonesville. He is a substantial and worthy citizen of that community. For some time he has been considered one of the best potato growers in the county. He produced seventy bushels of Irish potatoes on a small square in his garden one year. To see the small square and then the large amount of potatoes produced thereon, it looked to be almost a miracle. When asked about this pet crop for this year the doctor said he had already planted. Said he could have sold 2,000 bushels of potatoes the past season. He says it is no trouble to keep them perfectly sound after harvesting them. He is now eating potatoes of the past season which he gathered from his own garden and has kept through the winter. He says it is one of the easiest crops to raise and that the profit is good, country in the world, but that our people work without wisdom.

It is worthy of thought that both these substantial men should, each in his own way, point out a way to wealth. Both suggestions are good, and are worthy of serious thought on the part of our people.

Death of Mrs. Thomas Bolick.

Mrs. Thomas Bolick died Monday of last week at Taylorsville, N. C. She was 67 years of age. She was known to a good many people in Union and vicinity, having lived here in recent years. Her husband and three children survive her: one daughter, Mrs. C. A. Holly, Langley, S. C., and two sons, Mr. Robert Bolick, who lives four miles east of Union, and Mr. Eugene Bolick, of Goldville, S. C.

Mrs. Bolick was a quiet, unassuming woman. She was a member of the Methodist church. She was a kind friend and a good neighbor.

Plans for New Church.

On account of Bethlehem church being burned last Sunday night there will be services at Kelly's school house next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Every member of Bethlehem is earnestly requested to be present at this service. Also the public at large is cordially invited. All persons interested in building a new church are requested to come to the old church grounds Friday morning. Bring your axes and teams.

Death of a Good Woman.

Mrs. Wylie Goodwin died at her home near Buffalo Saturday morning and her remains were laid to rest at Putnam Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Rev. L. L. Wagon conducting the burial exercises.

Mrs. Goodwin was a Miss Robinson before her marriage, and was 74 years of age. She was a woman possessed of a beautiful Christian character, and was loved by all who knew her.